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Dear MOSES Member,

As you probably know, Governor Deval Patrick has announced that he is including in his proposed FY09 state budget a plan to shift more than $51 million in costs to state employees by increasing the premiums they pay for their health insurance coverage. He intends to create three tiers of state employees and charge them different premium levels based on income:

- Employees earning less than $35,000 would continue to pay 15 percent.
- Employees earning from $35,000 to $50,000 would pay 20 percent.
- Employees earning over $50,000 would pay 25 percent.

MOSES is urging members to contact the Governors office immediately and ask him NOT to include this plan in his budget proposal to the Legislature. MOSES is only as strong as its membership. This is "our" fight and the time to act is now. Please email or phone Governor Patrick with the following message:

Call Governor Patrick: 617-725-4005
Email: http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3utilities&sid=Agov3&U=Agov3_contact_us

"Hello, my name is _____, I am a member of M.O.S.E.S. When you ran for governor, you spoke of your strong support for state workers and the unions that represent them. Please do NOT increase the cost of health insurance premiums for state employees. We support your proposals for increased revenues to help solve the state's fiscal crisis. Do not solve this problem at our expense."

Raising insurance premiums from 15 percent to 20 percent or 25 percent will mean cost increases for 80% of the MOSES membership. Together along with our lobbyist we are working in concert with other unions to present a united front against this most egregious proposal. We will do everything we can to STOP this unfair increase.

Sincerely yours,

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